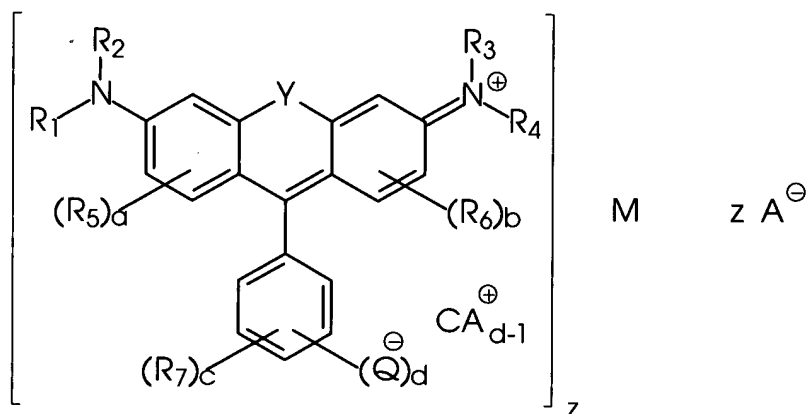


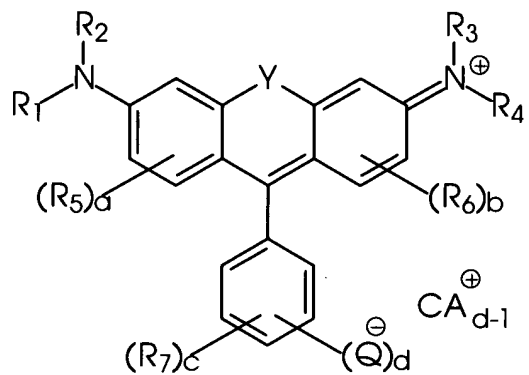
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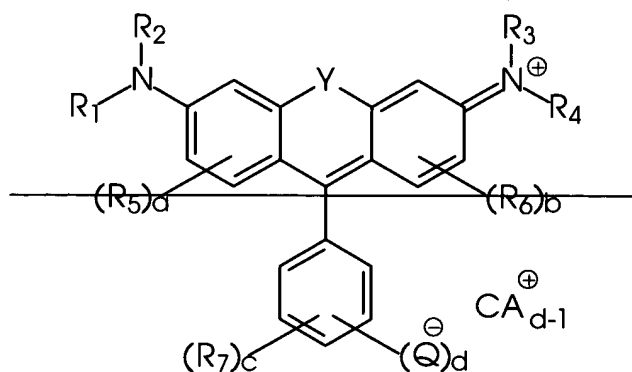
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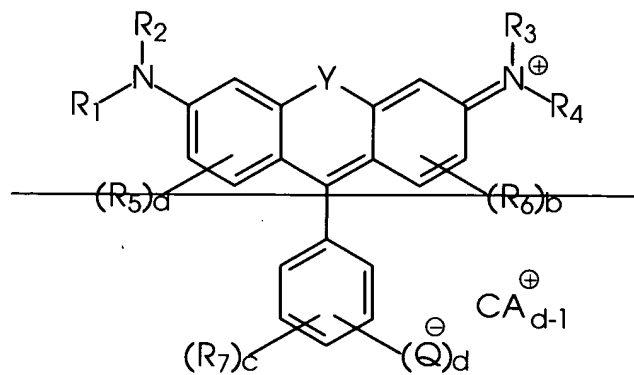
wherein M is either (1) a metal ion having a positive charge of +y
wherein y is an integer which is at least 2, said metal ion being capable
of forming a compound with at least two



chromogen moieties, or (2) a metal-containing moiety capable of forming a compound with at least two



chromogen moieties, z is an integer representing the number of



chromogen moieties associated with the metal and is at least 2, and R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇, a, b, c, d, Y, Q, A, and CA are as defined herein.